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Please amend claims 1, 4, 39, 41, 47, and 52 as follows.

1. (Once Amended). A composition in solid oral dosage form comprising a drug and, as an enhancer, a salt of a medium chain fatty acid which has a carbon chain length of from 6 to 20 carbon atoms, wherein each of said constituents and any other constituent comprising the composition is a solid at room temperature.

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- 4. (Once Amended). The composition according to claim 1, wherein the enhancer is a sodium salt of a medium chain fatty acid.
- 39. (Once Amended). A method of treatment of a medical condition comprising administering orally to a patient suffering from said medical condition a therapeutically effective amount of a dose of a composition which is in solid form and which comprises a drug effective in treating the medical condition and, as an enhancer, a salt of a medium chain fatty acid which has a carbon chain length of from 6 to 20 carbon atoms, wherein each of said constituents and any other constituent comprising the composition is a solid at room temperature.

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41. (Once Amended) A process for the manufacture of a composition in solid oral dosage form comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a blend of a drug and, as an enhancer, a medium chain fatty acid salt having a carbon chain length of from 6 to 20 carbon atoms or a salt of a medium chain fatty acid derivative which has a carbon chain length of from 6 to 20 carbon atoms and, optionally another constituent(s), wherein each of said drug, enhancer, and optional constituent(s) is a solid at room temperature; and
- b) forming said solid oral dosage form of the composition from the blend by:
 - i) direct compression of the/blend; or
 - ii) granulating the blend to form a granulate for incorporation into said solid oral dosage form.

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47. (Once Amended). A composition in solid of al dosage form comprising a drug and, as an enhancer, a salt of a derivative of a medium chain fatty acid which has a carbon chain length of from 6 to 20 carbon atoms, wherein each of said constituents and any other constituent comprising the composition is a solid at